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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment

Request: Blanket Justification for NEA Funding Application Guidelines and Reporting Requirements.

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

ACTION: Proposed Collection; Comments Request

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has submitted the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995: *Blanket Justification for NEA Funding Application Guidelines and Reporting Requirements*. Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by visiting www.Reginfo.gov.

DATES: Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the National Endowment for the Arts, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 202/395-7316, within 30 days from the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Could help minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of electronic submission of responses through Grants.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Endowment for the Arts requests the review of all of its funding application guidelines and grantee reporting requirements. This entry is issued by the National Endowment for the Arts and contains the following information: (1) the title of the form; (2) how often the required information must be reported; (3) who will be required or asked to report; (4) what the form will be used for; (5) an estimate of the number of responses; (6) the average burden hours per response; (7) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the form. This entry is not subject to 44 U.S.C. §3504(h).

Agency: National Endowment for the Arts

Title: Blanket Justification for NEA Funding Application Guidelines and Reporting Requirements

OMB Number: 3135-0112

Frequency: Annually

Affected Public: Nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and individuals

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,553

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 21 hours (applications)/10 hours (reports)

Total Burden Hours: 163,049

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: 0

Total Annual Costs (Operating/Maintaining Systems or Purchasing Services): 0

DESCRIPTION: Guideline instructions and applications elicit relevant information from individuals, nonprofit organizations, and government arts agencies that apply for funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. This information is necessary for the accurate, fair, and thorough consideration of competing proposals in the review process. According to OMB 2 CFR Part 200, recipients of federal funds are required to report on project activities and expenditures. Reporting requirements are necessary to ascertain that grant projects have been completed, and that all terms and conditions have been fulfilled.

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